

New Jersey Zinc Company, Palmerton Plant
Between Rte 248 and Hazard Road, at Hazard Hamlet
Palmerton
Carbon County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
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History: The New Jersey Zinc Company opened its Palmerton Plant to produce metallic zinc, zinc oxide, spelter, and spiegeleisen from ores mined in Sussex County, New Jersey. The plant included over 31 buildings on 200 acres. The company layed out and built the entire town of Palmerton, starting in 1899, including the hospital, community center, park, streets, sewer system, and worker's housing.

After 1913, the company built a primary ore reduction plant two miles northwest of the first plant, one mile from Palmerton on the banks of the Aquashicola Creek.

Sulphuric Acid mist from the smelters has caused severe defoliation of the hills surrounding the two plants. They continue to operate today.

Source: Fred Brenckman, History of Carbon County (Harrisburg 1913) pp. 307-13.

Historian: Duncan Hay, HAER Inventory card, 8/1/79.